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SENATE BILL 07-256

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLE
102 INSURANCE AS EXCESS TO OTHER INSURANCE.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

If a consumer opts to purchase uninsured and underinsured motor vehicle insurance, requires the insurance be provided as excess to, any motor vehicle liability coverage. Requires the uninsured and underinsured coverage to pay the difference between the amount of any legal liability coverage and the amount of the damages sustained. Prohibits the reduction of the uninsured and underinsured insurance coverage from a setoff from any other insurance.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 10-4-609 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
3 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

4 **10-4-609. Insurance protection against uninsured motorists -**
5 **applicability.** (1) (c) THE COVERAGE DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF
6 THIS SUBSECTION (1) SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO ANY LEGAL LIABILITY
7 COVERAGE AND SHALL COVER THE DIFFERENCE, IF ANY, BETWEEN THE
8 AMOUNT OF THE LIMITS OF ANY LEGAL LIABILITY COVERAGE AND THE
9 AMOUNT OF THE DAMAGES SUSTAINED, UP TO THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF
10 THE COVERAGE OBTAINED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. THE AMOUNT OF
11 THE COVERAGE AVAILABLE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE
12 REDUCED BY A SETOFF FROM ANY OTHER COVERAGE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT
13 LIMITED TO, LEGAL LIABILITY INSURANCE, MEDICAL PAYMENTS
14 COVERAGE, HEALTH INSURANCE, OR OTHER UNINSURED OR UNDERINSURED
15 MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE. THE COVERAGE PROVIDED PURSUANT TO
16 THIS SECTION SHALL NOT INURE DIRECTLY TO THE BENEFIT OF ANY OTHER
17 PAYER OF HEALTH, MEDICAL, DISABILITY, OR OTHER SIMILAR BENEFITS
18 PAID AS A RESULT OF BODILY INJURY OR DEATH ARISING OUT OF THE
19 OWNERSHIP, MAINTENANCE, OR USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE.

20 **SECTION 2.** 10-4-609 (2), (4), and (5), Colorado Revised
21 Statutes, are amended to read:

22 **10-4-609. Insurance protection against uninsured motorists -**
23 **applicability.** (2) ~~Prior to the time~~ BEFORE the policy is issued or
24 renewed, the insurer shall offer the named insured the right to obtain
25 ~~higher limits of uninsured motorist coverage in accordance with its rating~~
26 ~~plan and rules~~ AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE INSURED'S BODILY INJURY

1 LIABILITY LIMITS, but in no event shall the insurer be required to provide
2 OFFER limits higher than the insured's bodily injury liability limits. ~~or one~~
3 ~~hundred thousand dollars per person and three hundred thousand dollars~~
4 ~~per accident, whichever is less. A policy may contain provisions which~~
5 ~~prohibit stacking the limits of more than one uninsured motorist coverage~~
6 ~~policy as provided in this section, if such provisions are included in a~~
7 ~~single policy covering multiple vehicles or in multiple policies issued by~~
8 ~~one insurer or an affiliated insurer, under common ownership or~~
9 ~~management, to an insured or to a resident relative of such insured. Such~~
10 ~~provisions shall not prohibit stacking of the uninsured or underinsured~~
11 ~~portions of a policy issued to an insured and a separate policy covering~~
12 ~~the insured which was not issued to the insured or a resident relative. For~~
13 ~~purposes of this subsection (2), underinsured motorist coverage is~~
14 ~~included in the term "uninsured motorist coverage" pursuant to subsection~~
15 ~~(4) of this section.~~

16 (4) Uninsured motorist coverage shall include coverage for
17 damage for bodily injury or death ~~which~~ THAT an insured is legally
18 entitled to collect from the owner or driver of an underinsured motor
19 vehicle. An underinsured motor vehicle is a land motor vehicle, the
20 ownership, maintenance, or use of which is insured or bonded for bodily
21 injury or death at the time of the accident. ~~but the limits of liability for~~
22 ~~bodily injury or death under such insurance or bonds are:~~

23 (a) ~~Less than the limits for uninsured motorist coverage under the~~
24 ~~insured's policy; or~~

25 (b) ~~Reduced by payments to persons other than an insured in the~~
26 ~~accident to less than the limits of uninsured motorist coverage under the~~
27 ~~insured's policy.~~

1 (5) ~~The maximum liability of the insurer under the uninsured~~
2 ~~motorist coverage provided shall be the lesser of:~~

3 ~~(a) The difference between the limit of uninsured motorist~~
4 ~~coverage and the amount paid to the insured by or for any person or~~
5 ~~organization who may be held legally liable for the bodily injury; or~~

6 ~~(b) The amount of damages sustained, but not recovered.~~

7 **SECTION 3. Effective date - applicability.** This act shall take
8 effect January 1, 2008, and shall apply to policies issued or renewed on
9 or after the applicable effective date of this act.

10 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
11 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
12 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.